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FLUORESCENCE ENHANCING)
METHOD AND METHOD OF)
ELONGATING LIFE TIME OF)
FLUORESCENCE)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention Chinese 1,205,731, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action,, which is dated July 30, 2004, together with an English language translation thereof, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The concise explanation of relevance for the Chinese document cited above is provided in the English language translation of the Chinese Office Action and by the English language abstract attached thereto. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,614,008 (which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 29, 2003) is an English language counterpart to Chinese 1,205,731.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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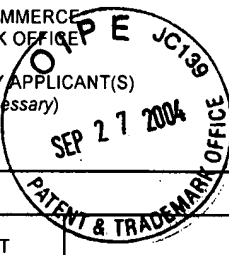
Respectfully submitted,

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